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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the California State University, Fullerton Titan Gateway Bridge in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is California State University, Fullerton, 2600 Nutwood Avenue Fullerton, CA, 92831

The funding would be used to replace a long-time demolished pedestrian bridge across a key campus crossing to maximize campus pedestrian and vehicular safety by improving signal timing, traffic flow, and freeway access for students and local residents, while improving the environment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a federal investment that is in the best interest of taxpayers for this project is that it secures the safety of pedestrians and drivers, eases traffic congestion, improves the environment, and encourages students, faculty, and staff traveling this area to walk and bike actively. Nutwood Avenue, between State College Boulevard and the SR-57 freeway was the site of 23 injury-related traffic accidents, 43 non-injury accidents, and nine arrests for driving under the influence in 2015 and 2016, in addition to the countless near misses that have gone unreported, according to the most recent statistics from the Fullerton Police Department. The vast majority of those employees and students cross Nutwood daily to reach main campus buildings and amenities, crossing back to return to College Park. Many access student apartments or eat at the only off-campus dining options available within walking distance to the south. The intersection also connects students and faculty from Hope International University, located on the southwest corner, to amenities at Cal State Fullerton.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by United States Code (U.S.C.) Title 23 which provides surface transportation block grants.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Michelle Steel

Member of Congress